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WOULD CO-ORDINATE N. AMERICAN FARM POLICIES

Farm Leaders of
Canada, Mexico
and U.S. Confer

More Effective Co-operation at
Producer Level Is Aim of
Joint Meeting

HISTORIC EVENT

Canadians Concerned About
U.S. Restrictions — Orderly
Basis in Marketing Sought

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Confer-
ring for the first time under
the auspices of the Interna-
tional Federation of Agricul-
tural Producers, thirty leaders
of farm organizations in Can-
ada, Mexico and the United
States agreed that there is to-
day a pressing need for more
effective co-operation at the
producer and trade levels with-
in North America. The sessions
were held here on February
23rd and 24th. The gathering
was of historic interest.

Recognizing that in each of
the three North American
countries difficult problems of
farm production and trade call
for solution, and that most of
these are of mutual concern,
the participants decided to
hold meetings periodically in
the future.

Difference in Methods

It was recognized that Can-
ada and the United States
have specific government pro-
grams for dealing with these
problems, but that these pro-
grams differ greatly in the
means by which they are im-
plemented, and a more effec-
tive way of dealing co-operatively
with these common prob-
lems is greatly needed. The
future periodic meetings which
are to take place seek objec-
tives similar to those of the re-
cently-established joint Can-
ada-United States economic
commission at the cabinet
level.

Respective policies of the
Canadian and United States
governments on price supports,
the marketing of agricultural
products and the disposal of

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Some Leaders at Washington Conference Table



New trails were blazed in the exploration of the
possibilities of co-operation among the farm movements
of three North American countries when representatives
of organizations from the United States, Mexico and
Canada met under the auspices of the I.F.A.P. in Wash-
ington last week.

In this picture of a portion of the head table, a num-
ber of delegates who led the discussion are seen. Around
the table, left to right, are Ben S. Plumer, chairman
of the board of directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool;
W. J. Parker, president of Manitoba Pool Elevators and

first vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Agri-
culture; Dr. H. H. Hannam, president of the C.F.A.; A.
H. Duncanson, Nova Scotia; Harvey Lane, director,
United Grain Growers Limited; Barbara Cartmel, and
Leslie Wheeler, Washington office of I.F.A.P.; Allan
Kline, president I.F.A.P. (the Farm Bureau Federation,
U.S. Putting out his cigarette is Homer Brinkley, execu-
tive vice-president of the National Council of Farmer Co-
operatives, U.S., while peeking over his shoulder is
Herschel Newsom, Master of the National Grange, U.S.
The Mexican group were seated at the other end of the
table.

Wheat Board Distribution in Full Detail

By M. McDOUGALL, Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA — On or about March
31st, the Canadian Wheat Board will
commence the distribution to pro-
ducers of the final payment on the
1952/53 wheat pool. This final pay-
ment will be as follows:

- 1 Northern 9.653 cents per bushel.
 - 2 Northern 9.963 cents per bushel.
 - 3 Northern 10.341 cents per bushel.
 - 4 Northern 13.454 cents per bushel.
 - 5 wheat 9.292 cents per bushel.
 - 6 wheat 14.397 cents per bushel.
 - Feed wheat 14.679 cents per bushel.
- (These payments also applying to
toughs and damps of each grade).

After P.F.A.A. Levy

After deducting P.F.A.A. levy, the

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Ben S. Plumer comments
on the Mexico-U.S.-Canada
farm conference in a special
interview with *The Western
Farm Leader* on page 5.

net price realized by producers on
grain handled in the 1952-53 wheat
pool was \$1.81871 per bushel (on
basis of Number One Northern in
store at Fort William-Port Arthur and
Vancouver). The price realized on
the 1951-52 pool was \$1.83569 per
bushel.

Previous Payments

On the 1952-53 wheat pool there
was a first payment of \$1.40 per
bushel; then on March 2nd, 1953 this
advanced to \$1.60 through an addi-
tional payment on all wheat except
Durum of 20 cents a bushel on all de-
liveries between August 1st, 1952 and
February 28th, 1953. Then on Sep-
tember 24th, 1953 there was an in-
terim payment of 12 cents a bushel.

The receipts of wheat by the 1952-
53 pool from August 1st, 1952 to July
31st, 1953 amounted to 533,016,978.9
bushels. The 1952-53 pool received by
transfer from the 1951-52 pool 103,
208,409.5 bushels and also received
from other producers 2,110,381.9

Plans Well Advanced for Farm Conference in East Africa in May

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pre-
parations are now well advanced
for the meeting in East Africa of
representatives of some 25,000,000
farmers organized in the Inter-
national Federation of Agricul-
tural Producers. Leaders of farm
organizations from more than 30
countries will attend the confer-
ence, to be held in Nairobi,
Kenya, from May 21st to 29th
inclusive.

bushels, making a total of 638,335,
770.3 bushels.

Transferred to 1954 Pool

On January 30th, 1954, when the
books of this pool were closed, there
were on hand 148,679,561.7 bushels.
Of this amount 21,404,291.1 bushels
were held on open sales contract, so
the net stock was 127,275,270.6. The
balance on hand was transferred to
the 1953-54 pool, the priced contracts
of over 21 million being priced at con-
tract rates, while the 127 million were
transferred at market prices, less al-

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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"

FINAL PAYMENTS

YOUR board of directors have authorized a final payment of 2.3% of the dollar value of your shipments for the year 1953. The amount credited to you will be entered in your pass book for payment at such time as the directors decide.

Your board, after very careful consideration decided also that it would be unwise and impractical to redeem Series "S" (1947) this year. You are aware that we undertook the complete rehabilitation of our Calgary plant and also some alteration to our Red Deer Milk Plant, and in view of the expense involved in putting these two plants in first class shape it was decided to defer payment of Series "S" for this year.

In Better Shape Than Ever

Our operations for the year 1953 were quite satisfactory throughout the organization and with the completion of our Calgary plant this year your organization will be in better shape than ever to give service to its members and customers that will be second to none.

Our many new members who first shipped to us in 1953 will be getting their pass books showing the total dollar value of their shipments



in 1953, and the amount of the surplus earnings or dividends will reach them as soon as we can prepare them.

Members who already have their pass books should please return them to Red Deer, or leave them at the branch which serves you as soon as possible, so that we can enter their 1953 earnings. All books will be returned as soon as they are completed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE RETURN OF YOUR PASS BOOK

Please send your Pass Book to Red Deer NOW — or you may leave them with any of our branches.

We will return your book with your 1953 earnings entered as soon as possible.

Please do not write for its return.

If you write we will have to decline a reply in order to apply the time necessary to get your records to you at the earliest possible moment.

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

Is Again Living Canadian Lifetime Milk Producer



By bringing her total to 215,539 lbs. milk containing 7,490 lbs. fat made in 13 lactations, **Epworth Johanna Pietje** (above) has regained her title as living Canadian Lifetime Milk Producer. The Champion made her latest record as a 16-year-old, giving 15,476 lbs. of milk and 556 lbs. fat on twice-a-day milking. Bred by G. A. McCullough of Napan, Ont., in whose herd all but her latest record were made, she is now owned by J. A. Campbell, Moose Creek, Ont.

CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

Increasing Milk Production

THE forming of dairy calf clubs is one sure way of increasing milk production on the farm. These clubs are set up now in several of the districts centering on the Condensery at Red Deer. Dairy Calf Clubs at Ponoka, Bentley, Rocky Mountain House, Red Deer, Bowden, Olds and Elnora secure well bred dairy heifer calves each year, and by using good dairy bulls on these heifers can't help but increase milk production.

Some dairymen with good dairy cows are using a beef bull, and instead of improving their herds are going backward. I know one man with a nice herd of purebred Jersey cows who is using a Hereford bull. You can imagine what these calves are like and what is going to happen to his herd in a few years' time.

Many Star Boarders

In many of the dairy herds throughout the province there are star boarders, cows that do not fill the pail, or are low in percentage of butterfat. These cows should be culled from the herd at the first opportunity, and one sure way to find them is by joining the Provincial Cow Testing program. This service is intended for the owners of grade herds, but purebred breeders may also enter their herds on test.

Reasons for Cow Testing

Some of the reasons for cow testing are:

1. It provides the information necessary to build a profitable herd.

2. Individual records of milk and butterfat provide the only safe basis of measuring the results of a breeding and selec-

tion program.

3. The milk scale indicates the results of improved feeding, and makes possible individual feeding according to production.

4. A sharp decline in milk production is often the first sign of sickness.

2. It makes possible the selection of heifer calves from the heaviest producers.

6. Individual milk and butterfat records provide the necessary information to determine the producing ability transmitted by the herd sire.

7. It provides a close check on those doing the milking.

Some Important "Musts"

Good winter feed, as well as good pasture for the summer months, are musts if you are going to have heavy milk production. Too many of the pastures are just native grass in wooded areas. A good pasture of legumes or other mixtures should be used, and cows should have access to lots of good water at all times.

There are 280,000 cows milking in Alberta. These cows have an average annual production of 5,800 pounds of milk and 203 pounds of butterfat. This is indeed small when we look at some of the records being made in the province.

By selecting heifers of good dairy conformation, and by using bulls from approved and accredited dairy herds, we should be able to double the yearly average of the cows now being milked in Alberta.

Three Alberta Certificates

BRANTFORD, Ont. — Three Alberta Holsteins have recently qualified for certificates of Longtime Production, awarded by the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada. They are owned by J. W. Hosford & Son, R. C. Briggs, and O. J. Dally, all of South Edmonton.

BUTTER HIGHEST IN PARIS

World butter prices in November, according to *Foreign Crops and Markets*, ranged from 40.7 cents in London to 94.6 in Paris. Sydney price was 41.8, New York 69, and Montreal 62. Prices quoted are wholesale, in U.S. currency.

Handled 366,832 Head in 1953

EDMONTON, Alta. — Grand total of all livestock passing through Edmonton Stockyards during 1953 was 366,832 head, with an approximate value of \$27.78 millions. The increase over the previous year was 13.56 per cent in numbers, and 3.56 per cent in values.

Farmer in Need
Urban Citizens'
Support TodayHolstein Breeders Told Urban
People Don't Know of
Farmers' Problems

SPEAKING to some 300 farmers at the Annual Banquet of the Dundas County Holstein Breeders' Club recently, R. K. Bennett, Chief of the Livestock Marketing Service, Federal Department of Agriculture, said: "The farmer needs the support and sympathy of his fellow urban citizens if the latter are to willingly pay fair prices. Fifty years ago, half the population of Canada was engaged in farming, while today it is less than 20 per cent. Many city people know virtually nothing about farming as they have no

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Some Urban Misconceptions

Based on the misconceptions of my neighbors in Ottawa, city consumers believe four things: The prices of farm products are too high; farmers make too much profit; farmers have more control over prices than is actually the case. City people do not understand the essential nature of the farmers' business — that of producing food.

The Canadian public is not an unkind judge of anyone if the public is informed as to what goes on. Farmers should follow the example of other industries in public relations — the latter offer an explanation when prices go up, they encourage visitors to plants so that consumers will understand their problems. Something in the nature of a Farm Festival Week might be the answer — choose some good dairy farm and announce that visitors from the city will be

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Highest Priced
Bull of 1953 Sale

Melwood Super Domino 82F owned by Mel. C. Wood of To-field, Alberta, brought the record high price of \$8,000 at the 1953 Calgary Bull Sale. The purchaser was Tom Usher of Scollard, Alberta.

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WASHINGTON FARM CONFERENCE

By sponsoring the first joint conference of representatives of farmer organizations in Canada, the United States and Mexico, the International Federation of Agricultural Producers rendered valuable service to the farm people of all three countries. Its initiative will be widely appreciated, as will the action of the leaders in farm movements of North America who in Washington last week laid the foundations for future co-operation.

For the time being, it was decided, the holding of informal periodic meetings — to provide a forum for problems of common concern — will be the best means of promoting the ends which all have in view.

There are, as the report published in this issue makes plain, important differences in methods of dealing with specific problems — problems concerning production and markets. It is not to be expected that differences in point of view can quickly or easily be overcome. But it is all to the good that an effort in this direction is to be made.

As Ben Plumer points out in the interview which we publish elsewhere: "The conference was well worth while from the information standpoint, and especially valuable from the angle of good relations... The conference also emphasized the value of the North American market to all North American nations, and it was felt by the delegates that further discussions should be held to maintain a fuller understanding of North American problems."

U.S. FARMERS' PROBLEMS

Farmers of Canada and farmers of the United States have many problems in common. Both know from experience what it means to face declining prices of a number of their principal products parallel with rising costs of production.

Perhaps a summary of some of the hard facts which our fellow farmers must face across the border may assist in a measure in promoting mutual understanding. It may indicate at the same time the close relationship between economic trends in agriculture and trends in a national economy as a whole.

A recent special issue of *New Republic* of New York is mainly devoted to these matters. We quote from an article by Tom Fitzsimmons, one of the contributors to this special farm issue.

FARMER'S ANNUAL STRUGGLE

From *New Republic*

In his annual struggle to make the land yield more and more, the farmer requires more and better fertilizer and equipment and more and more fuel and power. And for these things he must pay. The cost of a two-plow tractor today would have financed the production expenses on an average 1910 U.S. farm for 3½ years.

Modern American farmers require each year:
7 million tons of steel — more than is used for a year's output of passenger cars;
50 million tons of chemical material — 500 per cent more than in 1935;

16.5 billion gallons of crude petroleum — more than is used by any other industry;

350 million pounds of raw rubber — enough to put

FOUNDATION

*The world's conscience stirs, and man perceives
Futility in all his great machines,
If to an outworn way of life he cleaves,
And hunger still the human race demeans.
So many freedoms golden voices flout
To come when time is ripe to wave the wand,
But freedom now from spectral hands of want
Would point the way to those that lie beyond.*

*How simple is aspiring man's demand
That poverty, which plenty mocks, shall end,
And that his home secure and steadfast stand
When vagrant winds of chance its frame would rend.*

*Thus fortified his willing mind would lean
To other freedoms—learning what they mean.*
ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

tires on 6 million automobiles; and
15 billion hours of electric power.

When the farmer can no longer afford to buy these quantities, the producing industries and the men they hire know it — quickly. And since the feeding of our 1975 population at our present diet level will require a 20 per cent further increase in farm production, if he cannot afford to buy increasing quantities, the entire population will have to accept a lower standard of living. The alternative to increased mechanization would be to put another 100 million acres of land into production. They are not available.

During 1953, net farm income dropped \$1 billion — seven per cent; it is expected to fall still further this year. The farmer now makes \$2 billion less than in 1951, and he is caught in a cost-price squeeze besides. Only 45 cents of each food dollar ever reaches him now; in 1945 he got 53 cents.

The 45-55 cents split is an average. For some commodities the spread is wider. The farmer gets 36 cents of each dollar spent on fresh vegetables; in 1945 he got 49 cents. On oranges, he gets 20 cents; in 1946, 46 cents. Onions now 24 cents; 1946, 36 cents. Tomatoes, 35 cents; 1951, 54 cents. Flour, 36 cents; 1947, 50 cents. Evaporated milk, 44 cents; 1946, 64 cents. And where he got 84 cents of each dollar on choice beef in 1946, he now gets 67 cents. What he has lost, the distributor has gained.

Debt, or Lower Standard of Living

During 1953, the farmer managed to cut his expenses 4.5 per cent despite higher costs for factory goods and fuel, higher interest rates and higher labor costs. But the prices he receives have fallen 11 per cent. The difference spells debt or a lowered standard of living; either means lower consumption by the farmer.

In 1953 the net income for dairy farms in the Northeast was down 25 per cent; in Western Wisconsin, 15 per cent. Hog-beef fattening farms throughout the Corn Belt are earning 14 per cent less. Cotton farms have taken a 10 per cent drop.

Wages are up. The price of farm machinery and equipment is 14 per cent above 1950. Gasoline is at an all-time high. Fertilizer is more expensive and more must be used.

An owner-operator with half of his land and buildings under mortgage must now pay three to four times as much interest on borrowed capital as in 1937-41; the share-crop tenant must pay six to seven times as much. Falling prices and drought force more borrowing.

The major cause of the farmer's troubles, however, is neither the price-spread nor the difficulty of cutting expenses as costs rise. His income has been cut most by shrinking exports.

American agricultural exports for 1953 fell by more than 30 per cent. In 1947 they had reached a level four times above that of 1941. But Western European countries have increased their production of food for five straight years. And the resulting loss of foreign markets for American production has emphasized the contradiction in our efforts to maintain both maximum production and high prices without permanently expanding outlets for that production.

"Organized Freedom" Way for Agriculture President Tells N.F.U.

Turner Sees Controls Ending in Britain — Backs Organized Marketing

LONDON Eng. — "Organized freedom" for agriculture was called for by Sir James Turner, speaking to the annual conference of the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, held here recently. He said the British farming industry was moving out of a period of controls. "We do not look upon our industry, or the national economy, as moving out of the era of controls back into the pre-war age of chaotic so-called freedom," he said, "but rather as moving forward into a new age, a more constructive and progressive age, or organized dependable freedom."

In connection with imports, he said, stability which had been maintained by bilateral contracts and commodity agreements is largely being abandoned. Quantitative control over imports also is being reduced; "New ways must be found to co-ordinate home production with imports," declared Sir James.

The farmer cannot reduce his costs, he continued, if, instead of concentrating on production he has to "chase the market to get his return."

Organized marketing would greatly help the situation. "The way of organized marketing," said Sir James, "is the business-like way; the way that will bring order, quality and economy into the relations between producer, distributor and consumer."

OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from Page 1)

lowances for carrying charges after the transfer and for market risks.

The books on operations by the board in 1952-53 were closed as stated on January 30th, 1954, and at that time in the customary way at the closing date of each pool, the remaining stock of wheat from this pool was transferred from this account to the 1953-54 pool. This is obviously the most convenient way of handling the accounts of each pool. Otherwise there would be a straggling end of each pool, which would lead to a great increase and complication in bookkeeping.

Advance in Durum Wheat

The position of Durum wheat differs from the rest of the wheat. There has been an active interest in this variety, and as the supply both in Canada and in other producing countries has been limited, the price advanced considerably. With the final payments of 45.747 cents (for number 1 amber durum), 47.472 cents (number 2), 53.646 cents (number 3), and 52.115 (for number 4), the price paid for number 1 Durum, basis in store Fort William and Port Arthur, and prior deduction for P.F.A.A. levy, will be \$2.2330 per bushel. This compared with \$1.83569 per bushel in 1951-52. The receipts of Durum wheat by the 1952-53 pool were 8,288,289.8 bushels.

It is not yet announced what will be the interim payment on last year's wheat crop. As stated by the minister of trade and commerce in answer to a question on the point, this will be announced in due course. The efforts of the board have been directed to the sale of the balance from the previous year, and up to a few days ago no sales from last year's crop had been made. Successive heavy crops have presented their sales problems.

The last coaches of the 104 built for the new Toronto subway have been completed by a British firm.

Asian Peoples Warmly Welcome Our Prime Minister



In every country he has visited during his Asian tour, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent of Canada has been warmly welcomed and has won the hearts of people of our sister Commonwealths in Pakistan, India and Ceylon. He has now flown on to Indonesia. In the picture above Mr. St. Laurent is seen inspecting a trim guard of honor of the Pakistan Frontier Force 4th Regiment, on his arrival at Karachi.

CORRESPONDENCE

ON BERTRAND RUSSELL

Editor,

The Western Farm Leader.

Just a line to compliment you on publishing the article "The Danger To Mankind" by Bertrand Russell in the Feb. 5th issue.

It seems like the most calm and truthful analysis of world conditions that I have seen.

It is a problem these days for really able men and women to have their views published and yet escape the attentions of traducers.

WALLACE ARCHIBALD.
Lacombe, Alberta.

CANADA AND HER NEIGHBOR

Editor,

The Western Farm Leader.

Your editorial, "Barriers to Goodwill" in the last issue of The Western Farm Leader prompts the following.

I will only touch briefly on the trade policies of the U.S. as they affect everyone of us, for, as you say, McCarthyism is not the greatest obstacle to goodwill.

The total trade between the U.S. and Canada increased by about half a billion dollars in 1953, with a Canadian deficit of around \$700,000,000. To meet this dollar shortage, Canada must export to the U.S., but, like the European nations, it now finds itself butting its head against the stone wall of American tariffs.

The 49th parallel, the longest undefended border in the world, is now a very sturdy tariff wall, and is likely to become far sturdier if high tariff lobbyists and their friends in congress have their way.

The farmer, the fisherman, the lumberman, have had notice served on them that the worst is yet to come. The industrial heart of Canada (the provinces of Ontario and Quebec) is suffering from dumping of American goods and custom tariff sniping across the border, with the list of injured industries ever expanding.

Select What Is Best

Our trade and growth, our culture and defence, our pleasures, fashions and reading, all are affected by our nearness to the U.S.; so let us assimilate all that is best from south of the border, developing our own culture, thus insulating ourselves

against some of the more alarming phenomena, from bloodthirsty comics to McCarthyism.

Thoughtful Canadians know Canada cannot escape the impact of what is happening south of the border. U.S. politics affect the lives of all of us. The prospect of a hund-

Conference Well Worth

While, Says Plumer

"The conference was well worth while from an information standpoint, and especially valuable from the angle of good relations," Ben S. Plumer, chairman of the board of the Alberta Wheat Pool, informed The Western Farm Leader on his return to Calgary on Tuesday from the U.S.-Mexico-Canada gathering under I.F.A.P. auspices described in this issue.

Those attending, said Mr. Plumer, "frankly discussed trade matters affecting farm people in North America. Discussion brought out the fact that numerous complaints from producers pertained to commodities which flow back and forth across boundaries at certain seasons of the year.

"The conference also emphasized the value of the North American market to all North American nations, and it was felt by the delegates that further discussions should be held to maintain a fuller understanding of North American problems."

red million bushels of American wheat tossed into world markets at cut rate prices would be terrifying; but we are encouraged to hope co-operation between Canada and U.S. may prevent this.

As for what has been described in parliament as "the custom shooting war across the boundary", Canada is hopeful that sanity may return to Washington before friendship is strained to the breaking point.

GEORGE K. MacSHANE.
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The Quanker

By KERRY WOOD

THE small boss of our kitchen window birds is Little Quank, the Red-breasted Nuthatch. The stubby little bird is smaller than a Chickadee, but some people confuse the two at first glance because of the black and white coloration on the head.

A closer look reveals the black eye-line under a white gash, the blunter build and shorter tail, with a sharply pointed beak that is twice the length of a Chickadee's bill. The Nuthatch is much faster in movement, too, and is possessed of the queerest bird-voice in the woodlands.

"Quuuuuuuuuuuuunnnk - quuuuuuuuuuuunnnk!"

Strange and Penetrating Call

A strange and penetrating call, never forgotten once it is identified. The White-breasted Nuthatch of Eastern Canada is called Big Quank, while the western bird is the diminutive Red-breasted Nuthatch or Little Quank. If you fail to spot them out in the forest, just hang a few lumps of suet from trees near your house or place bread crumbs on a shelf at your kitchen window, and, if Nuthatches live in your part of the country, they'll soon come around to give you a close look at their trim plumage and deft ways.

The Brown Creeper

Nuthatches are wonderful tree doctors, helping Chickadees clean out the clustered eggs of aphids and plant-lice. The Brown Creeper is another bird specializing on the same egg diet, a brown striped bird that spirals up a tree trunk, starting at the bottom and working around the trunk in a circular and rising climb to the top, feasting all the way.

Chickadees spend their time on outer twigs and branches, hanging up side down, sideways, or any way at all that gives them a complete view of the twigs where aphid eggs are clustered. But the Nuthatches get an entirely different view of the pest eggs, as they run head-first down the tree trunk to peer into crannies and cracks where eggs may be hidden.

Springtime Nest Building

I like watching a pair of Nuthatches build their nests during the springtime. In our district a balm or poplar tree is usually selected, though sometimes the birds choose a spruce stump that is partly rotten.

With the sharp stabbing beak, the female bird pierces the tough outer shell, then pecks and stabs at the decayed wood underneath — they al-

ways choose a dead tree for a nest. A tiny beakful at a time, the finely pulverized chips and dust are scooped out of the cavity and dropped from the entrance, sifting down ten to twenty feet to the ground below. One bird I timed averaged six beakfuls of wood dust per minute, with no time lost at loafing on the job.

Male Scours Woods for Food

While the lady built the nest, the male bird was scouring the nearby woods for food. He'd bring a beakful of insects to the nest tree, utter a plaintive Quank, then the female would pop her head out of the hole



The red-breasted Nuthatch, boss of our feeding shelf at the kitchen window, looking over the array of ground suet, peanuts, and lump of brown bread.

Photo by Kerry Wood.

and briskly grab the proffered food and swallow it. Without more ado, she'd get back to her excavating work while the male flew away to hunt for more nourishment.

Two days later, the nest hole was six inches deep and the female disappeared inside to start the egg laying. When I climbed the tree to have a look, both birds uttered sharp quanking notes and chattered angrily, so I took a quick glance in at the dainty clutch and clambered down, while the brave little birds threatened me with their beaks all the way to the ground.

As many as four Nuthatches come to our suet offerings—at one time, each one bossy and making the friendly Chickadees scat away from the shelf or suet lumps. We've now hung out a dozen lumps, so the Quankers can't occupy them all at once and Chickadees and other birds manage to get their share. Start your feeding station early in the spring if you want to watch the Nuthatches, the head down Quankers who help keep our treelands healthy.

Sir John Hunt, leader of the British Everest expedition, is reported to be supporting a plan to send a mountaineering party to the Antarctic next winter.

Fertilizer Produced from Garbage and Sewage

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Production of fertilizer from garbage and sewage is being carried on experimentally by experts in several countries, it is reported by the International Federation of Agricultural Producers. Work in this field is being done in Jamaica, in Britain, and on the west coast of the U.S.

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welcome during any particular week. If consumers see a farm in operation they will understand that milk does not come out of a bottle, and that it costs money to produce."

To Young Man Eager for City

To the young man eager to leave the farm for the glamor of the city, Mr. Bennett had this to say: "There are 14 million people and 240,000 businesses in Canada, so the chances are that the farm boy will end up as a working man in the city, whereas he is leaving a farm business to trade space, neighbors, real leisure, green acres and pure bred livestock for the rat-race and ulcer making goose step of our big cities, which is just sheer nonsense."

Mr. Bennett expressed confidence in the long term outlook for Canadian livestock producers. He pointed to the statement of Dr. Darke, agricultural attache, United Kingdom High Commissioners Office, Ottawa, pointing out at the recent Dominion-Provincial Conference that the pound sterling was now stronger and that the United Kingdom was far from self sufficient in butter, cheese, bacon and hams, and carcass meat. In the U.S.A. there is a tremendous increase in population, totalling 2,700,000 per year, or about the size of Montreal and Toronto combined.

Will Need Great Production Boost

Mr. Bennett estimated that in 1975, Canada will have 25 million population, and the United States 192 million. To maintain the present diet in the United States will require a tremendous increase in production — cattle 100 million as against 94 million at present, milk from 54 billion quarts to 68 billion; pigs from 99 million to 120 million. By 1975, one farmer will have 20 people to feed against 15 at present.

To produce the required increase in food, the U.S.A. would need 115 million acres extra crop land. It is estimated that there is only about 45 million available. So unless scientific advances in food production are very rapid, there is bound to be an outlet for any Canadian surplus on this continent.

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Board Marketing Interest Grows

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary A.F.A.

WHEN the Federation met the Cabinet on February 5th, the Cabinet was informed that the A.F.A. annual meeting instructed the executive to call and hold a series of district meetings to discuss the question of producer marketing board legislation.

The purpose of such a meeting was to discuss the question of board marketing, to determine the desire and need for such a marketing policy, and in general to discuss marketing problems. It was proposed that the respective M.L.A.'s be invited to attend and take part in such discussions, and that all organizing be done in conjunction with district directors of the F.U.A.

Forging Ahead Locally

The Federation executive took the stand that these meetings could not be organized immediately because of the provincial legislature being in session. However, local interests are forging ahead. Meetings have recently been held at Riviere que Barre, Stony Plain, Smoky Lake and Bowden. Plans are made for a meeting at Sedgewick on February 27th, and another meeting is being organized west of Lacombe for March 13th. These meetings all have been, or are being organized from the local level and because of local interest.

K. V. Kapler, vice-president of the Federation and president of the Alberta Poultry Producers, addressed the Smoky Lake, Stony Plain and Riviere que Barre meetings. Mr. Chaba, M.L.A. for Red Water constituency, attended the Smoky Lake meeting, and Mrs. Wood, the Stony Plain.

These meetings, organized by F.U.A. locals or district directors, voted strongly in support of producer marketing legislation.

The fact that this interest has developed on the local level is particularly encouraging to the Federation and denotes the keen interest in this subject.

Credit Associations

Now Mostly Owned by Farmer Members in U.S.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Another 78 production credit associations in the U.S. were added last year to the number which have paid off the last of their Government-owned stock, it is reported here. The number of such associations now owned by their farmer members is 354, out of a total of 498. When they were started in 1933, the Federal Government furnished 90 per cent of the capital stock.

Consider 30% Tariff Cuts

GENEVA, Switzerland — Reduction of tariffs by 30 per cent, (10 per cent in each of three successive years) is being considered by the contracting parties to GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade). However, there are a number of qualifications, such as special arrangements for less advanced countries and an "escape clause" by which a government could ask for exceptions on the ground that "serious economic or social dangers" were threatened by the proposed general reduction.

Aid of Science to Grain Growers in Canada (Ottawa Citizen)

Among the scientific achievements mentioned by the National Research Council in its review of the past year's activities was a new process for drying damp grain. Here is yet another contribution by science to the agricultural industry. Each technical advance whether in the actual production of food or in its handling and processing, helps to reduce unit costs. Consumer as well as grower shares in the benefits.

The grain growers have been particularly favored by science during the past few decades. Some of the inventions, such as machinery for dumping a laden railway car at a terminal elevator, impress by their massiveness; others, such as automatic grain samplers (used for grading), are so simple that many may wonder why they weren't thought of earlier.

In the field, there are chemical sprays designed to kill broad-leaved weeds without hurting narrow-leaved grains, thereby making possible cleaner fields and less monetary loss from dockage when the grain is marketed. Plant breeders are constantly laboring to evolve new varieties to defeat frost, rust or other natural hazards. Their combined efforts—especially in the matter of rust-resistant wheats—have saved grain growers many millions of dollars annually.

More Efficient Machines

Along with better varieties have come more efficient machines. One of these, the combine, has practically revolutionized harvesting in many parts of Canada, particularly on the prairies. As a result, the farmer is less dependent on the caprices of the weather than he was 20 or 25 years ago. He cannot escape them altogether but harvesting risks have been greatly reduced.

Today, the market price of a bushel of wheat has declined to a point where it is close to the high point of the market in 1928-29, the end of an epoch of attractive prices from the producer's standpoint. The dollar may have a sharply lower buying power than in 1928-29, but the cost of producing a bushel of wheat has also gone down. The more this cost continues to drop, the better able will Canadian farmers be to feed the world without ruining themselves in the process. And in their efforts they have powerful allies in a host of scientists whose work is by no means confined to Canada.

Rains Improve Outlook

BUENOS AIRES — Cattle marketings in Argentina in the first nine months of 1953 were about 20 per cent below those of the same period in 1952; but, rains having improved pastures, winter was expected to show considerable recovery.

Britain's new turbine airliners are to be fitted with a public address system over which the captain can pass messages to passengers.

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J. N. Fraine, above, general superintendent of Canadian Pacific Railway's Alberta district since October 1953, follows the footsteps of his father, the late J. D. Fraine, who held the same position in the twenties. Mr. Fraine is an engineering graduate of the University of Manitoba. He is vice-president of Alberta Stockyards and vice-president of Dench of Canada.

Perennials Recommended

Morden, Man. — Hardy perennials which continue to bloom over a long period, are recommended by W. R. Leslie of Morden Experimental Farm, as follows: lythrum or loosestrife; Caucasian scabious; gaillardia or blanketflower; broadleaf sea lavender or perennial statice; rosy veil gypsophila; perry white achillea; shadow valley (a garden carnation); Ozark sundrops; false dragonhead; and orange sunflower.

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Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant services were shown, a simple commentary alternating as background with superb music. While particularly suitable for the special week dedicated to furtherance of tolerance and friendship the film is available all the year round. It can be secured by groups throughout the Province, without charge, from Mr. Roy Brookbank, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Western Division, at 111 - 8th Avenue East, Calgary.

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WORLD CHRONICLE

Feb. 18th. — In Karachi, on question of U.S. military aid, St. Laurent says Pakistan entitled to receive assistance from any friendly country. Atomic weapons are being issued to British troops, announced in London. West Germans in Berlin demonstrate in protest against failure of Big Four conference to reunite Germany; East Germans hold "Long live Molotov" rally, then groups cross to West Berlin sector, and are driven back by police.

Feb. 19th. — London corn trade association protests Canadian wheat board decision not to apply 7-cent wheat price reduction on shipments from west coast. South Korea doesn't like decision to admit Chinese government to Asian peace conference; neither does Chiang Kai-shek group. Bribery scandals threaten Yoshida government in Japan.

Feb. 20th. — Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arrive at Hobart, Tasmania.

Toronto. Mr. Kramer is a member of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Power plants are now on paper, he said, but millions of dollars will be required to build the first plants.

Feb. 21st. — U.S. Army Secretary Stevens accuses McCarthy of abusing general at closed congressional hearing, says he won't permit army officers to be subjected to such treatment. From London comes report British shipowners complain of vessels being "shadowed" from port to port by U.S. naval cutters. Eighty Mau Mau reported killed in week-end fighting in Kenya. In New York address, Pearson says Canada "ranged on side of freedom," under U.S. leadership. Ottawa states Canada will almost certainly be represented at Geneva conference.

Feb. 22nd. — Queen opens Tasmanian state parliament. Nehru makes "earnest and humble plea" for cease-fire in Indo-China, pending Geneva conference (St. Laurent later supports appeal). At Moscow military rally, Bulganin says Soviet forces are ready to strike back at "any enemy at any moment," if attacked. Dulles declares in Washington no recognition of Chinese Communist regime will result from Asian conference. Karachi announces Pakistan has formally requested U.S. military aid. Ottawa reports transport commissioners to begin series of hearings on freight rates in May. Privy Council rules federal government only Canadian body with authority to regulate

inter-provincial bus traffic.

Feb. 23rd. — U.S. is most unselfish country ever to play role of major power, declares St. Laurent in New Delhi; praises India's efforts in peace-making. From Berlin comes report of statements by Russian sources that Malenkov "not averse to" meeting with Churchill or Churchill and Eisenhower. British Parliamentary delegation condemns police "brutality and corruption" in Kenya, calls for end of racial discrimination. Ottawa protests U.S. proposal to divert water from St. Lawrence watershed. FAO committee opens study of farm surpluses throughout world.

Feb. 24th. — Stevens capitulates to McCarthy, reported from Washington on direction from White House; promises to produce information, witnesses, as required. Three chief Canadian House of Commons political parties support trade in non-strategic goods with Russia and other East European countries. Dulles says China will be brought to "bar of world opinion" at Geneva.

Feb. 25th. — Resignation of Naguib reported from Cairo. British Conservative and Labor parties support rearming of Germany.

Feb. 26th. — In address during Ottawa visit, UN secretary general Hammarskjöld, says Geneva conference

Alberta Farm Electrification

... how it has expanded in the past few years

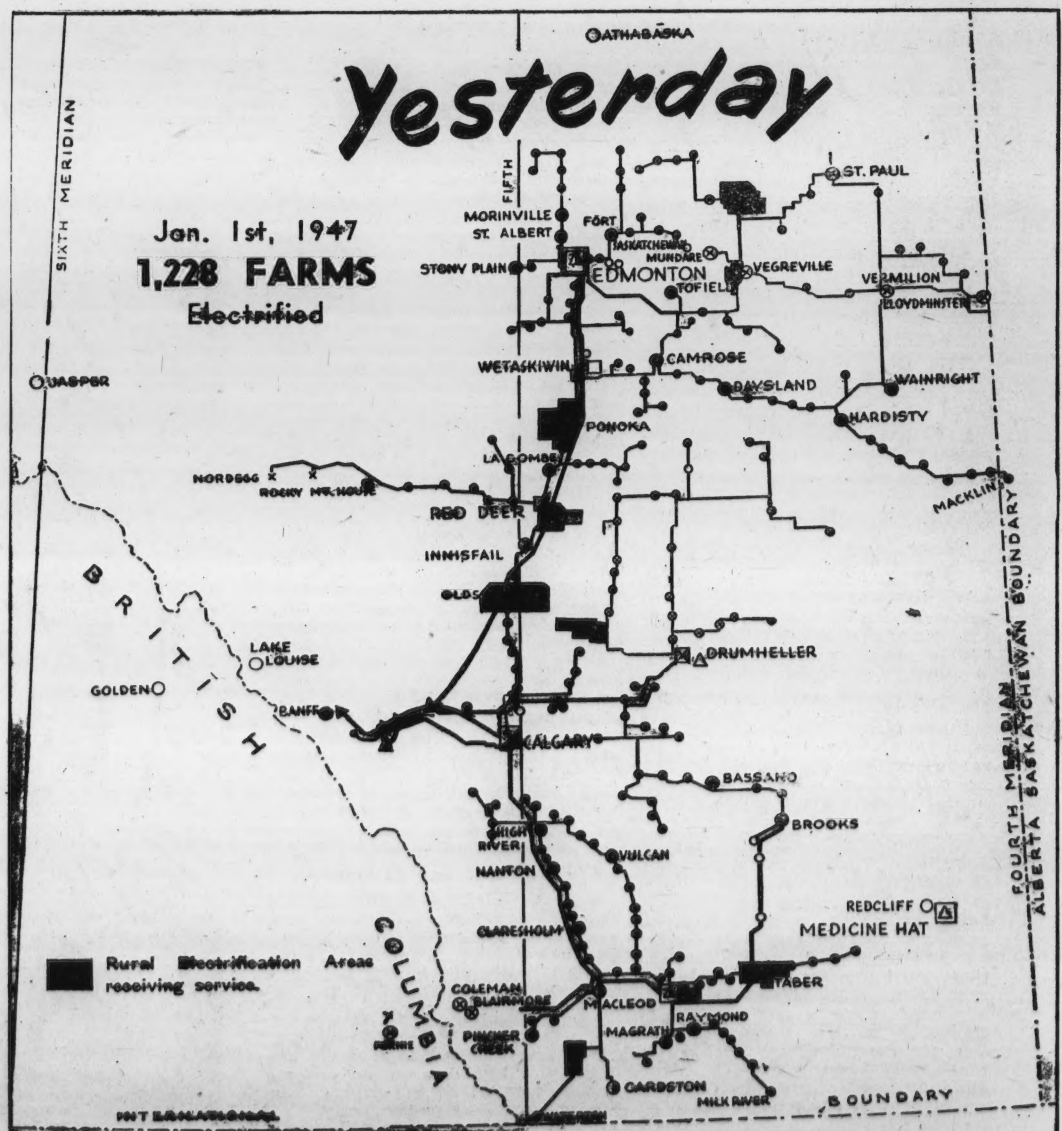
For every Alberta farm electrified at the beginning of 1947 there are twenty electrified today. From the nine small areas served at that time, Alberta Farm Electrification has expanded until today it reaches from the International Boundary to a hundred miles north of Edmonton, and from the Saskatchewan border to the timber fringes west of Rocky Mountain House. In addition, several areas in the Peace River District are also electrified.

These two maps give you a graphic comparison. As indicated, many of the gaps are being rapidly filled in.

To achieve the present expansion in Farm Electrification great quantities of materials have been required. Included are the following:

Poles 300,000
Wire 60,000 miles
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Meters 24,376

And countless thousands of other items.



on Korea and Indo China had been invited to use UN facilities. "Gloomy Dean" Inge dies in Wallingford, England, aged 93, Canada may export atomic power and "packaged" atomic power plants, prophesies W. J. Bennett, head of Atomic Energy of Canada, Limited, speaking at Port Arthur.

Feb. 27th. — Naguib recalled to presidency of Egypt; Nasser to be prime minister. In effort to force colored people to return to farm labor, Malan government in South Africa introduces "anti-squatting" legislation.

Feb. 28th. — Cairo police disperse student supporters of Naguib, demonstrating on streets; in balcony speech, Naguib appeals for "moderation and forgiveness." Several injured in street rioting in Damascus, Syria, following army revolt and change of government.

March 1st. — Nehru refuses Eisenhower's offer of military aid for India; referring to report of speech by U.S. assistant state secretary that "U.S. must dominate Asia", Nehru declares that the countries of Asia "do not intend to be dominated by any country for any purpose." Shouting "Freedom for Puerto Rico" group in gallery of House of Representatives, in Washington, shoot and wound several con-

gressmen. Army Secretary Stevens to appear before McCarthy's committee, announced in Washington. Khar-toum police drive off rioters, supporters of Naguib, from attack on British governor-general's residence. Rhee repeats threat to invade North Korea. "Workaday understanding" of Russia through trade urged by Churchill, in Parliament.

BULGANIN **March 2nd** — (See Feb. 22nd) New scale of freight rates for Canada announced by transport commissioners, to go into effect not later than March 1st, 1955; western rates generally cut. Pope Pius celebrates 78th birthday; reported gaining strength.

March 3rd. — Nairobi reports progress towards truce with Mau Mau natives, China and North Korea announce acceptance of Big Four invitation to attend Geneva conference on Korea and Indo China. Washington increases police guards; Congressmen wounded in Puerto Rican attack said out of danger.

U.S. Farmers Marketed Over Seven Billions Through Co-ops in Year

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. farmers through their co-operatives marketed \$7.4 billions of farm produce in the 1951-52 crop year, the Department of Agriculture announced recently. They purchased \$1.9 billions of farm supplies.

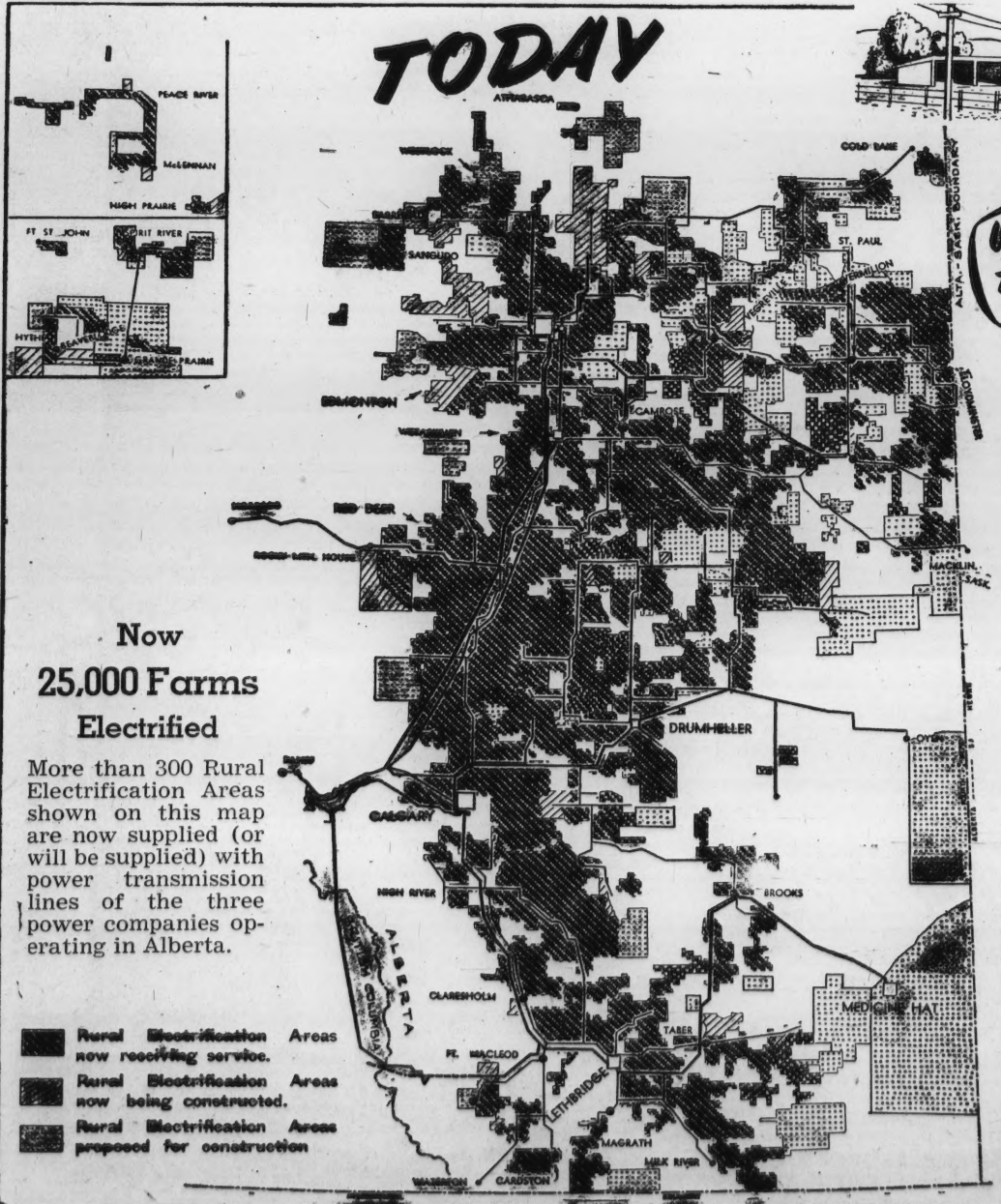
Dairy products came first in volume marketed co-operatively, followed by livestock and livestock products, with grain, soybeans, soybean meal and oil in third place. Statistics showed a total of 10,143 farmer co-operatives doing business in the year under review, with an aggregate membership of 7.4 millions. Illinois had the greatest number of members, followed by Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, and North Carolina.

Four hundred and fifty families on the tiny island of Roseau, Dominica, have pooled their small savings in a credit union, and have built up assets worth \$20,000. Most of it is lent out at low interest rates to help the members increase production.

U.N. Secretary Pays Tribute To India



In Ottawa recently, to receive an honorary degree from Carleton College, Dag Hammarskjöld, above, UN secretary-general, paid a high tribute to India's work in the early stages of the Korean armistice. UN special agencies, he thought, has received too little recognition.



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On Being 100% Right

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An Historic Churches Preservation Fund has been set up to maintain Britain's many historic churches.

FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

**An Appreciation of Agnes Macphail
Written Fourteen Years Ago**

Dear Farm Women:

I have asked the editor if I might repeat the tribute I paid Agnes Macphail in this paper—some fourteen years ago when she was defeated in the Federal election of 1940. I am glad, by the way, I wrote it then for Agnes to read, for too often our kindly comments are left for obituaries.

"As a farm woman writing to other farm women I want to pay tribute to another woman from the farm. I want to pay tribute to Agnes Macphail and her work. I feel sure I shall be voicing the sentiments of practically all of you and when this letter comes to her she will realize it is not merely a tribute from an old friend, but she will feel it an expression of the opinion of many women across the country and has an especial warmth coming from the country women in whose interests she was vitally interested.

No Narrow Conception

"And when I say that, I do not mean that Agnes Macphail ever for one moment had any narrow conception of women working solely for women, of country working solely for country or of Canada working only for Canadian interests. Her interests were more than constituency-wide, more than Dominion wide; they were international. Her work was more than a work for women; it was a work for humanity in general wherever she considered there was a need, wherever an injustice was being done.

"Twenty years ago as a member of the United Farmers of Ontario group she came as a young country woman to the more sophisticated surroundings of a capital city, to a position as the first and only woman member of the Federal Parliament. It is a position that has brought countless pleasures and numberless opportunities that few of us enjoy, but along with that it brought a responsibility that none of us have had. It was a position which might well have turned the head of many a person; a position subject to various subtle forms of influence that might well have swayed one of weaker will.

"Miss Macphail had no precedent to follow, and Ottawa is rather strong on precedent. 'Will she wear a hat in the House?' Even in trifling things like that she had no precedent to follow, so her every act

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was commented on. However, Agnes Macphail was not there to worry over little conventions. She was there to work shoulder to shoulder with the men.

"She was not in fact a great believer in women gathering by themselves at conventions where our farm problems were to be discussed or at similar meetings. She believed we should meet together as members of a common society. Someone remarked that the women were discussing health and problems about the young people 'Aren't the men interested in health? Then if they are not, they should be' she replied.

"The great drawback, I find in writing, is that I must confine myself to a letter of reasonable length and I find myself wanting to go on and on telling of the work she did for her constituency, of the plans for the young people there, of her work for the various co-operative efforts. I want to enlarge on her work for peace and for penitentiary reform and I have not the space. I must interject this, however. While at this safe distance it may seem a comparatively easy task to advocate penitentiary reform, for instance, it is quite another thing to do it in Ottawa; to do it in the face of officialdom, to continue in the face of ridicule and amidst the scorn of the friends of those she condemns. But she never faltered.

Integrity and Courage

"Through all the twenty years she was there she carried on her work courageously and thoroughly. Always she has worked that social and economic injustices be removed. She has done it with an integrity and a singleness of purpose of which we as women can be proud and as farm women feel an additional satisfaction.

"So while this may sound like an obituary of Agnes Macphail's, as it is written in the past tense, happily it is not that. It is written as I knew her from scores and scores of discussions we had as I went into her office and found her busy at some phase of her work; writing a letter to a constituent, studying some subject that was being discussed, making plans for the future. She was indeed wedded to her work and for the time must feel lost.

"We regret her loss and consider it our loss as well. And thank you, Agnes Macphail, for the work you have done and for the high standard you have set for the women who follow you."

Thus I wrote, and most heartily I can repeat it, and one thing more I would like to say. We have been told that the Senate is a body of citizens who have given public service and are interested in the political life of the country. To me, it would have been a most gracious tribute which would have added to their repute if the Liberals who have been in Federal power so long had offered Agnes Macphail a seat in the Senate.

Yours sincerely,

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News of Women's Locals

A visit to the Institute for the Blind at Calgary is planned by Conrich F.W.U.A.

In aid of the building fund, Pelican F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) are holding a Pot Luck supper for St. Patrick's Day.

Purchase of Belcamp schoolhouse for a recreational centre was discussed at a recent meeting of Marwayne F.W.U.A.

Mrs. J. Wilson was hostess to Fairview F.W.U.A., when plans were made for a mammoth bingo.

Lornedale F.W.U.A. (Viking) recently expressed themselves as fav-

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Vegetable Seeds gathered in the garden last fall should be tested for germination. Sprinkle on moist cloth, roll up. Keep damp and warm. If seeds are usable, they'll sprout in a few days.

Tutti-Frutti Fudge: Boil together 1 cup granulated sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt and 2 tsp. corn syrup to the soft ball stage. Remove from heat and add: 1 tbs. butter, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup seedless raisins, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup drained and chopped maraschino cherries, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk powder and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla. Cool to lukewarm without stirring, then beat until creamy. Turn quickly into buttered pan; when firm, cut in squares.

Grated Cheese: sprinkled over fish fillets when broiling adds flavor and at the same time gives a nice glaze.

Prune Souffle: Wash 10 large prunes, cover with boiling water, soak for an hour, then stew until tender. Pit. Mix 2 egg whites, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup corn syrup, 1 tbs. sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt, $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cinnamon, and beat until mixture stands in peaks; fold in the prunes. Pour into double boiler, cover tightly and cook half an hour over rapidly boiling water. Serve with custard sauce.

White Nylon is said to retain its clear whiteness if washed in lukewarm, almost cool water. Water that's too warm causes greyness.

Supper Chili: Brown 1 lb. hamburger in skillet, add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped onion, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped green pepper, 1 tsp. chili powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. pepper, 1 tsp. salt, 3 cups tomato soup, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup rice and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup grated cheese. Cover and cook 25 minutes.

French Salad Dressing: Put in jar 1 cup salad oil (corn oil or olive oil), 3 tbs. vinegar, 1 tsp. each salt and sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. each pepper and paprika. Cover tightly and shake until thoroughly mixed.

oring producer marketing boards.

The bulletin on arts, crafts and hobbies in Holland was read at a recent meeting of Durness F.W.U.A. (Lloydminster).

Jenny Lind F.W.U.A. (Scandia) hope to replenish their treasury from the proceeds of a tea and bazaar to be held April 14th.

Royce F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. W. J. Edmunds, are holding a tea in Hines Creek on March 13th, in aid of the nurses' home.

Miss L. Enberg, home economist, gave an informative talk at a recent meeting of Readymade F.W.U.A. (Mayburt), recently.

Heath F.W.U.A. are sponsoring a social evening and gas cooking demonstration for this evening (March 5th), writes Mrs. E. Murray.

From Mrs. C. E. Archibald comes word that Dakota F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) decided to support Lochinvar Local in their nomination of Robert Luce for the Scottish trip.

Scrapbooks on Pakistan and Alberta are being made by Sydenham-Gerald F.W.U.A. (Wainwright), according to word received from Mrs. Arthur, secretary.

The handsome total of \$207 was cleared by Dolcy-Browning F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) by serving meals at the local bonspiel, writes Mrs. Harry Scott.

Swalwell F.W.U.A. recently voted to write to H. G. Hammell, M.L.A., telling him of their wish for a marketing act under which producer marketing boards could be set up.

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Made More Articles For Red Cross in Past Year

EDMONTON — Voluntary women workers made more articles for the Red Cross last year than in the previous year, it was reported to the recent annual meeting of the Alberta Division of the Red Cross Society, held here recently. A total of 4,955 articles were made for the Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital, helping to meet the need for extra supplies caused by the polio outbreak. A total of 127 cases of supplies was shipped overseas during the year — to Holland, England, Greece, Japan, Gaza, and Switzerland (the League of Red Cross Societies).

A Bake Sale, to be held in the Co-op Board Room in Lloydminster on March 13th, and a social evening at Staplehurst for February 26th, were arranged at a recent meeting of Stapledene F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. J. Moore.

Mrs. B. Chesterman, secretary, writes that Hope Valley F.W.U.A. (Edgerton) recently arranged to clean the hall ready for painting of the interior, and to hold a bingo and dance in aid of the polio campaign and building fund.

A cheque for \$15 and a Certificate of Merit were received by Fort Saskatchewan F.W.U.A. as first prize for Alberta in the Nutrition Contest sponsored by the Department of National Health and Welfare, writes Mrs. Walter Frey.

From Mrs. H. Walker comes word that Park Grove F.W.U.A. (Vegreville) realized \$370 by serving food at the farmers' bonspiel. Of this, \$200 will go to pay for installing electric lights in the community centre.

The sum of \$25 cleared from their sale was used by Beaverlodge F.W.U.A. to buy a book of "bricks." The secretary, Mrs. McNab, also states that a wool comforter was made for a family who lost two little girls, and their house and all contents, by fire.

Arrangements were made by Halry Hill F.W.U.A. recently to present a 400-day clock to one of their members, Mrs. J. T. Eliuk, wife of the "Oat King," at the social evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Eliuk.

Some of the major problems confronting farm people today were outlined by Roy Marler, president of the A.F.A., in a recent address to a joint meeting of Clover Bar F.W.U.A. and F.U.A., reports Mrs. G. Clark. He also explained the membership set-up of the F.U.A. and A.F.A.

After a discussion on National

Health Insurance, Stony Plain F.W.U.A. instructed their secretary to write to Charles Yuil, M.P., asking his support. It was also decided to seek the aid of their M.L.A., Mrs. C. R. Wood, in securing producer marketing board legislation. Mrs. Harrold gave an interesting talk.

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The Wheat Situation

L. D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The Canadian Wheat Board has reduced the price of wheat stored in eastern Canada by 7 cents a bushel with the objective of relieving the congestion in eastern seaboard and lake ports. Vancouver has experienced a rushing business because of its preferred freight position. With spring in the offing, when the Great Lakes will be open, the Wheat Board in anxious to encourage a heavy movement of wheat from the congested terminals in the East.

Just as soon as the announcement of the 7 cent price cut had been made, the United States followed suit by increasing its subsidy on exports by 7 cents a bushel. This move is indicative of the competition between the two countries.

Surplus Wheat of U.S. and Canada

The United States and Canada have between them about 1½ billion bushels of surplus wheat. The export movement to date has been disappointingly slow. It is inconceivable that there should be a real price war between the two countries, but they are watching each other carefully to prevent one obtaining any market advantage over the other. In the crop year commencing August 1, 1929, the price of wheat declined from \$1.73 to 97 cents. No sensible person wants to see a recurrence of that experience.

The Wheat Board has announced the final payment on deliveries from the 1952-53 crop, the total of which is \$58.2 million. The average price is 10.9 cents a bushel. The payment on No. 1 and 2 northern is 9.6 cents, on No. 3 northern 10.3 cents, No. 4 northern 13.4 cents, No. 5—9.2 cents, No. 6—14.3 cents and Feed wheat 14.6 cents. This payment could be considered reasonably satisfactory.

There will be no interim payment this spring on deliveries from the 1953 crop. Up to the present sales have been mainly from the 1952 carryover.

Authorized Total of \$336,000,000 For Sterling Areas, 1953

LONDON, Eng. — For development in the sterling areas of the Commonwealth, the U.K. government in 1953 authorized a total of \$336 millions in loans and grants, it is stated by Economic Secretary to the Treasury Maundling. (The full total, it was explained, had not necessarily been drawn). Included were colonial loans to Jamaica, Tanganyika, St. Lucia, Sierra Leone, Kenya, East Africa (railways and harbors), and Aden; to Southern Rhodesia and New Zealand, and to India from the U.K. contribu-

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, March 3rd. — Hogs sold yesterday \$33.50; sows \$21.25. Good to choice butcher steers were \$16.50 to \$18, down to \$12 for common; good to choice butcher heifers \$15 to \$17; good cows \$10.25 to \$11, down to \$8.50 for common; canners and cutters \$5 to \$8. Good stocker and feeder steers \$14 to \$15.50. Good to choice veal calves \$21 to \$24, down to \$12 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Mar. 1st. — Hogs closed last week \$35.75 for Grade A, for Vancouver slaughter. Choice handyweight steers found a practical top of \$17.50, and medium to good rated \$14 to \$15.50. Choice heifers sold \$15 to \$16, good cows \$9.50 to \$10.50, down to \$7.50 for common. Good feeder steers sold mostly from \$13 to \$14.50.

THE DAIRY MARKET

There has been no change in local prices to producers. Special cream is 63, No. 1 is 61, No. 2 is 52, off-grade is 46. First-grade prints, wholesale, are 63.

EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

Calgary, March 2nd—Egg prices to producers are: A large 36, medium 34, small 28; B's are 28 and C's 22. Dressed chicken under 4 lbs. are 32 for Grade A, 28 for B and 20 for C. Dressed fowl, under 4 lbs. are 26 down to 12; 4 to 5 lbs. are 29 down to 15; 5 lbs. and over, 31 down to 18.

Seed Fair Short Course Now in Progress—Calgary

Sponsored by the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede, and the Calgary chamber of commerce, in co-operation with the federal and provincial departments of agriculture, the annual Calgary Seed Fair opens as we go to press. In addition to thirteen silver tray trophies, cash prizes total \$1,125. A two day agricultural short course is being held in conjunction with the Seed Fair, the roster of speakers including Hon. L. C. Halmrast, Alberta Minister of Agriculture; George H. McIvor, Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Wheat Board, and many agricultural experts. Howard P. Wright, Grant MacEwan, N. F. Bell and Hardy E. Salter will be chairmen. A special women's program will run concurrently.

ion to the International Bank. In addition, a credit was extended to Pakistan through the Exports Credit Guarantee Department, and grants and loans were approved under the Colonial Development and Welfare Acts and Colonial Development Corporation sanctions.

Leader Fears Crisis in Danish Farming Industry

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — While Danish farms are producing at the highest level in twenty years, the Danish farm organization warns that the future market outlook is less promising. More countries among Denmark's customers are protecting their home markets. Fears of a crisis for the Danish farm industry are expressed by Hans Pinstrup, president of the organization. A new customer for Denmark had been found in Russia, he said, and further development of this market could be of considerable assistance to agriculture in this country.

Gifts of Grain for Korea

SASKATOON — Bought by contributions from Canadians of every province to the Unitarian Service Committee, four carloads of grain left here recently by Canadian National Railways for the coast and Korea. It will be used to feed orphans of that war-ravaged country.

Present Prizes to Winners in Barley Contest at Banquet

Hambling Canadian Barley Champion—Other Placings of Alberta Growers

Prizes to winners in the National Barley Contest, were presented at a banquet given by the sponsors of the contest, the brewing and malting industries, during the Seed Fair held in Calgary this week.

Winner of the Canadian barley championship with a carload of Olli barley, was John R. Hambling of Midnapore. His cash prizes total \$800—\$100 regional, \$200 Provincial, and \$500 national.

This is the third time, in eight contests, that the championship has come to Alberta.

Second place for Alberta was won by Tony McGee, Beaverlodge, and third by W. L. Kenzie, Red Deer. Others who secured placings in the provincial competition were Geo. S. Beattie, Bowden; John P. Beattie, Bowden; LaVerne Stinn, Sylvan Lake; H. A. Nisbet, Bowden; H. E. Morris, Bowden; Norman Hudson, Spirit River; Philip Regnier, Donnelly; O. W. Stenvall, Hythe; Bernard Lubeck, Eureka River; E. Brekkaas, Beaverlodge and S. W. Landry, Dawson Creek.

U.F.A. Co-op Meetings

A very well attended series of meetings was held recently in the area adjacent to Edmonton under the auspices of the Educational Department of the U.F.A. Co-op. The meetings were held at Castor, Galahad, Gladstone, Bawlf, Tofield, Morinville, Legal, Sanguo, Rochfort Bridge and Salisbury. W. L. Cook, Petroleum supervisor for the Edmonton area and D. C. Thornton, Educational Director represented the Co-operative at these meetings. A splendid program of sound films was shown and talks were given on the various aspects of the work of the U.F.A. Co-op, followed by a question period. Evidence of the keen interest in the work of U.F.A. Co-op is the fact that a total of 1,775 persons attended the meetings. Many questions were received regarding the Farm Supply Department.

Farmer-Labor Economic Council Is Now Organized

With its first meeting scheduled for Winnipeg, on March 29th, formation of a Canadian Farmer-Labor Economic Council has been announced by J. L. Phelps, Percy Bengough, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada and A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Congress of Labor.

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Development of R.E.A.'s in Alberta

RURAL Electrification Associations are a comparatively new development in Alberta — in fact rural electrification dates back only a few years. Apart from farms served by individual plants, there were before the war fewer than 400 farmers receiving electricity from the transmission lines of the power companies. At the present time more than 25,000 Alberta farms are served with electric light and power in this way, and the number is growing constantly.

Now 300 Associations

There are now some 300 Rural Electrification Associations incorporated in the Province, with more being added to the number. Modelled to some extent on the REA co-operatives of the United States, they are assisted by the provincial government, which backs the loans of the associations and gives assistance in setting them up. The power companies make the power available, and construct and operate the systems used by the Associations.

Central Organization Formed

Formation of a central organization was a logical development. It is discussed by Clyde Stauffer, president of the Alberta Union of Rural Electrification Associations, in the following statement:

"In 1949 when rural electrification in Alberta was very much in its infancy, a number of local R.E.A.'s began to see the need of a central organization. After several months of corresponding back and forth (in 1950) the present Alberta Union of Rural Electrification Associations was set up. It consists of president, vice-president and five directors, spaced to represent all sections of the province of Alberta.

Has Job to Do

"While many feel this central body was several years late in its organization, too late to give the farmer user any part in the wording or drawing up of consumer and master contracts, yet this union has a job to do. Alberta farmers are not all served with electricity and will not be for several years to come. This union offers you the advice of several years of experience of older R.E.A.'s and offers to assist you in many new questionable details, which are cropping up every few months from one or another R.E.A. throughout Alberta.

"This union has a very important duty to fulfill, to keep going the wheels of rural electrification which is one of the most important utilities ever to come to the Alberta farmer. The writer had the power turned on in May, 1949. That is the day the best hired hand ever came on his farm. What does that hired man do? Every job he is asked to do, night or day, large or small, it makes no difference to him if you work him long or short hours, he is always on the job, does his work with a very steady speed and very quietly and most important of all he is the cheapest man I have ever had.

Different All Over the Farm

Yes, farm electrification has brought a new Alberta to farmers. It is different in the house, it is different in the barns, in the yard, the granaries, shop, garage, hen house, pump house, corrals, yards, in fact it's different all over the farm.

"Congratulations are due Alberta power companies, who are so accurate and efficient in constructing power lines. Thanks be to the Alberta Power Commission and the Alberta Co-op Activities branch for making funds available for you and me so we can secure and install the power. Yes, it must all be paid back, but few farmers object to paying for anything they really like. I have never yet heard any user of electricity saying, 'I don't like it, take it out!'

Mr. Stauffer, president of the Alberta Union of R.E.A.'s lives at Eyarts. K. McLaren, Bowden, is vice-president and A. N. Hansen, Eckville, is secretary. Other directors are M. Shields, Chester Sayers, Jack Shenfield and Adolph Schneider.

LEADERS CONFER IN WASHINGTON (Continued from Page 1)

surpluses, were the subjects of intensive study.

Explain Wheat Board Operation

On the Canadian side Dr. H. H. Hannam, president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, John H. Wesson, president of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, and Henry L. Griffin, economist of United Grain Growers, explained in detail the operation of the Canadian Wheat Board and other aspects of Canadian agriculture. The economic position of United States agricultural markets was dealt with by the American delegates, who explained both the national and the international phases of the subject.

Regional Committee Endorsed

Announcing that the setting up of a North American regional committee of IFAP, which would try to "mitigate bad feeling and recrimination" among producers of Canada, the U.S. and Mexico was endorsed by the meeting. Dr. Hannam said he hoped this committee would seek to devise means by which problems of international competition in farm products could be placed on an orderly basis. It was desirable, he said, that mutually satisfactory policy recommendations should be made by the governments of the three countries.

Concerned re U.S. Restrictions

It was reported during the sessions that particular concern was expressed by the Canadian delegation about the U.S. restrictions on oats and dairy products, and the predicted coming restrictions on rye and barley.

Cattlemen and dairy farmers of the northeastern U.S. are also said to be opposed to the restrictions. However, the large national farm organizations of the U.S. have in the past endorsed the restrictions. The meeting was held in private.

Statements of policy to be laid before the conference of IFAP to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from May 21st to 29th, were discussed by the delegates.

May Have Serious Consequences

Special attention was given to the difference in export operation in wheat in Canada and the United States and to the serious consequences it may entail. In Canada, all wheat is exported by the Wheat Board and the returns are pro rated to the producers. Currently in the United States all wheat is exported under subsidy.

The current problem of a lack of an international agreement between the United States and Mexico on the entry of Mexican seasonal agricultural workers into the United States was considered by the meeting. It was unanimously agreed by the United States farm organizations present and the Mexican farm organization that this question should be handled through an international agreement. They hoped the two governments would be able in the near future to come to agreement on the matter. The United States and Mexican farm bodies agreed to work to facilitate an agreement by their governments.

WHEAT POOL POLICIES

The policies which the Wheat Pool advocates are not the ideas of individuals at the head office of the organization, but are those of farm people and are developed from the experiences of operating farmers.

Various phases of grain handling and selling are continually being discussed at country meetings, among neighbors and in small groups. The consensus of opinion is conveyed to the delegates who are the elected representatives of the Pool members. The delegates voice such opinions at the annual meetings and the final decisions are based on the democratic principle of majority rule.

The fact is that the Alberta Wheat Pool is not dominated by a small group at the top but operated from the grass roots upward. It is a striking illustration of democracy in business.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

Guaranteed Prices in Mexico

A portrait of modern Mexican agriculture was given by Alberto Salinas Ramos, head Mexican delegate. Considerable advance has been made in land reform in Mexico, he said, and an effective system of guaranteed prices for farm products has been introduced.

The Mexican delegate said credit for agriculture has been improved with a greater volume of loans from official agricultural credit banks and from regulations which authorize private banks to operate with more liberal credits for equipment and production. In addition, he said, the first step has been taken for the formation of an agricultural extension service. Abundant rainfall at the close of 1953 helped to give Mexican agriculture a bright outlook for this year.

Informal Meetings Planned

The North American farm organizations reached the conclusion that at least for the time being it would be best to hold informal periodic meetings which would provide a forum to discuss any mutual problems. They were unanimous in expressing the wish that IFAP, in consultation with its member organizations in North America, should at intervals organize and convene regional meetings for the discussion of mutual problems, including an examination in some detail of specific commodity and trade situations.

In closing the meeting, Allan B. Kline, president of IFAP, said: "This session has contributed to the general objective of IFAP of trying to get together and understand the problems of others and trying jointly to work out solutions to these problems. We are confident that these meetings can make a very great contribution to mutually advantageous trade and to prosperity among the nations."

Heads of delegations were: Canada, Herbert H. Hannam, president, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture; Mexico, Alberto Salinas Ramos, presi-

dent Asociacion Nacional de Cosecheros; United States, Allan B. Kline, President, American Farm Bureau Federation; Frank Hussey, president, National Council of Farmer Co-operatives; James Patton, president, National Farmers' Union; Herschel Newsum, master, National Grange.

Canadian Delegations

The Canadian delegation consisted of the following: Dr. Herbert H. Hannam, president, Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Ottawa; J. A. Ferguson, Ontario; C. A. Milligan, Ontario Federation of Agriculture; E. C. Hope, Ottawa, C.F.A. economist;

Gilbert MacMillan, Huntingdon, Quebec, president, Dairy Farmers of Canada; Charles Walls, secretary, British Columbia Federation of Agriculture, Vancouver, B.C.; W. J. Parker, president, Manitoba Wheat Pool, Winnipeg; H. L. Griffin, U.G.G. economist, Winnipeg; John Monkhouse, Manitoba; Jack Wilton, Manitoba.

J. Harvey Lane, U.G.G. director, Saskatchewan; W. Ball, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Regina; J. H. Wesson, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Regina; G. W. Robertson, secretary, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Ben Plumer, chairman, Alberta Wheat Pool Board, Calgary; Roy Marler, president, Alberta Federation of Agriculture, Bremner, Alberta; Gordon Harrold, Alberta Wheat Pool Board, Alberta; Donald MacDonald, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Avery Duncanson, Nova Scotia.

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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello Folks!

Spring may be on the way, but at this writing the snows of yesteryear are still with us.

We came across this the other day — it might have been a postcard from Wally, our incurable bach., but it wasn't. "A sailor may have a sweetheart in every port, but he should steer clear of a wife as he would avoid quicksand." That came from "The Adventures of Sir Launcelot Greaves" and was written by Thomas Smollett who lived away back from 1721 to 1771.

And that, snorts Wally, who refuses to be squelched, just goes to prove that the gals were just as dangerous in the good old days.

Now for a few of Volodimir Barabash's wise sayings;

MEDITATION

Of all man's virtues, wisdom stands supreme. All others, including goodness and love, must be subservient to it. King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said: "With all thy getting get understanding." An artist instinctively recognizes this fact when he paints God with a wrinkled brow and wide forehead.

A true philosopher has a greater duty to perform than that of being true to his country; he must be true to truth.

We do ourselves much harm, instead of letting the mills of the gods do the grinding for us, we grind with our own little pestles.

— Volodimir Barabash.

And now back to the lighter side of life.

SOME DELAY

A French under-secretary was invited to the silver wedding anniversary of a distinguished English bishop.

"Silver wedding?" he asked the bishop's nephew. "It is a ceremony which I do not quite grasp."

"My uncle and aunt," was the reply, "have lived together for twenty-five long years without being separated a single day."

"Ah," said the Frenchman. And now he marry her? MANIFIQUE!

—Thenx to S. L., Calgary.

CUT RATE, WHAT?

Sign in a Wickford, Essex, barber shop: "To save time you may shave yourself. Use our safety razor. Charge sixpence." Not quite "free" enterprise, eh?

POME

A farmer once called his cow "Zephyr".

She seemed such an amiable hephy.

But when he drew near

She bit off his ear,

And now he is very much dephy.

— Not by Jack Sutherland.

Wally, our incurable bach., declares that married men are always advising bachelors to get married because they believe that misery loves company.

Scientist reports that turtles can live to 150 years old. Maybe, chortles Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, but I'll bet they don't have much fun.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Says the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest: Girls can paint their faces, but they can never camouflage their characters.

Says Chuck of Chuckawalla, Drive-in theatres would be O.K., if you didn't have to buy a car to go to 'em.

All men are poor fish, snorts Lil of Lethbridge, and that probably explains why the sweet young things have always got their nets out to catch them.

Add similes: As happy as a terrier that has just lost a rat.

Mary of Carbon: "The other night Li'l Goldilocks called Knotty Frankie a heel."

Chuck of Chuckawalla: "And what happened?"

Mary of Carbon: "He gave her a sock!"

MILLIONAIRE

My riches are in precious gems this morning,

A glance into the yard just told me so.

A thousand crystal pendants hang suspended,

A million diamonds sparkle on the snow.

—V. M. Schemppe, Maidstone, Sask.

IN REPLY

Away with your sparkling

diamonds,
The darn things just make me feel raw.

And as for your pendants of crystal,

I jolly well wish they would thaw.

The police force of Biel, Switzerland, has been officially thanked for helping home twelve drunks found on the streets. Three of the inebriates were councillors. Bet that was one resolution the council carried unanimously.

EPITAPH

He was a gentle Englishman;
He was a cricket lover;
So, when he died, his epitaph
Read simply "Over!"

One shilling conscience money has been received by the British post office from an "exile" in Canada who broke insulators on telegraph poles in Ulster while a boy. We trust he wired the money to avoid delay.

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